

These refugees are huddled in improvised lodging houses, in stables and basements and in the ruins of former buildings.

The soup kitchens are mobbed every day, and, while they give aid to a few hundred, needy thousands are on line clamoring for the elementary needs of existence.

The misery of Palestine is an old story. Cut off from communication with Europe, upon whose capital it lives, its crops wasted, its fields fallow and the plague destroying the orange crop—the inhabitants of Palestine are indeed in a sorry plight.



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Chicago Jews, capitalist and working class, in mansions and in slums, fix their thoughts tomorrow on the Jewish tragedy in Western Europe. Jan. 27 is proclaimed by President Wilson to be Jewish Relief Day. Chi-

cago Jews will hold five big mass meetings to raise money to help millions of the race in Galicia, Poland and Palestine struck by the war storm and made homeless, sick and starving.

Five million dollars is the sum American Jewish Relief committee aims at raising tomorrow. At that, it is said, only about a dollar apiece would be realized for the broken war victims who have no nation of their own, but belong to all nations.

Julius Rosenwald of the national committee was asked by a Day Book reporter for a statement on the situation. He said:

"I would have to refer you to the Chicago committee. I want to be helpful."

"In Russia, Poland and Galicia is a situation without parallel," said Rabbi Emil G. Hirsch. "War, pestilence and famine has been the fate of millions of Jews. It has leveled poor and well-to-do and rich. They are hopeless, helpless. The relief so far accomplished is about equal to what the boy did when he tried to bail out the ocean with his toy bucket. The need for rescue is greater now than at any previous time since the war begun."

Mass meetings have been called for these places:

Congregation Anshe Keneses Israel, Douglas blvd. and Homan av.

Congregation Chave Sholom, Ashland blvd. and Polk st.

Congregation B'nai Reuben, 1105 South Paulina st.

Hyde Park Masonic Temple, 51st and Michigan av.

Congregation Tifereth Zion, 1243 North Lincoln av.

Among the speakers are: Gov. Dunne, State's Att'y Hoyne, Senators Lewis and Sherman, Cong. Sabbath, Mayor Thompson, Rabbis Emil G. Hirsch, Epstein, Silber, Goldenson, H. Horwich, Judges Mack, Pam, Horner, Scully, Fisher.

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